

It Can't Be Done--Xmas Is Coming

Some people are afraid to do anything.
Some people won't try to do anything.
I am always trying to do something.
Somebody said it couldn't be done.
But he with a chuckle replied,
That maybe it couldn't but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so, until he tried;
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On his face: if he worried he hid it;
He started to sing as he tackled the thing,
That couldn't be done but he did it.

I don't mean by this that I want to sell and can sell all the goods sold in Lexington, but I can sell my share and am doing it. I want to sell more. If people knew me and knew how cheap I sell stuff they would all buy from me, but if I gave it away some people would sell something. It makes me tired to hear people say they can buy stuff at a price that I know is less than cost. My friends, stick to your old friends, you may need them some day. Stop sending your money away from home for goods. We can use it here. I sell

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Her spell about the land throws wide,
And eyes are bright and cheeks aglow
Where stirs the pulse of Christmastide.

O gracious branch with berries pearled,
What gloried green surpasses this,
Whose magic aways the whole wide world,
The rhythmic sweetness of a kiss?

Yet as the winter, weeping, dies
The charm still masters Cupid, so
Whene'er he looks in Psyche's eyes
He sees the mirrored mistletoe.

CHARM OF CHARLESTON.

A City Where Every House Faces Toward the Sea.

Every house in Charleston faces seaward. It frequently happens that the streets do not adjust themselves to this disposition of the house plan, in which case the street line is calmly disregarded and the house is built so that it shall square with the four points of the compass. The result of this is curious and most interesting, at times disconcerting, but frequently as pleasing as one of Whistler's audacious and unexpected color schemes.

As in the mansions of old Virginia, the general form of the Charleston houses is very simple, and they depend for their beauty upon the fine balance and spacing of doors and windows, the character of the cornice and, above all, upon the dignified beauty and classic porticoes and galleries which adorn one side of each structure.

But Charleston has another and quite unique architectural feature in the arched and ornate walls of moss grown brick which close in all of the fine residences and the highly decorative wrought iron gateways which give access to the private grounds. In a city which was at one time the port of call of all the pirates of the Spanish main—where one day it was found advisable to bury forty of these worthies under the sea wall of the city, where half civilized negroes formed always an overwhelming majority of the population, it was the part of common prudence to erect a strong barrier between the streets and the private demesnes of the better class residents. Out of this necessity grew the infinite number of gates and grillages of twisted iron which are the chief pride of Charleston today and whose only rivals are the far famed gates of Seville. These marvels of wrought and beaten iron were all the work of local smiths. I was told that no two gates of the city were of similar design, and I certainly saw no single example which was not in itself beautiful. — Birge Harrison in Art and Progress.

Talent Has Need of Stepping Stones.

Dorothy kept at her piano practice, under her mother's keen eye, for three months before she revolted. Then her interest began to flag, until finally she refused to practice any more until she had a ring. She was accordingly fitted out with a ruby ring and went on with her lessons for another three months. Then rebellion broke out once more: "Mother," she announced flatly, "I shall not practice any more unless Miss Crew gives me a place where I can cross my hands."

"Why, what do you want with such a piece as that?" asked her exasperated mother.

"To show off my ruby," explained Dorothy. — Woman's Home Companion.

Not an Impostor.

A proud young father telegraphed the news of his new responsibility to his brother in this fashion: "A handsome boy has come to my house and claims to be your nephew. We are doing our best to give him a proper welcome." The brother, however, failed to see the point and replied: "I have not got a nephew. The young man is

COLORED RAIN AND SNOW.

And In Volcanic Regions Gray Hail Is Relatively Common

In certain parts of Spain during last winter red and black snow fell. The phenomenon is explained as being due to the presence in the atmosphere in unusual quantities of certain mineral salts. History mentions a day when "the heavens rained blood." In the middle ages such an occurrence was accepted as predicting war or famine, or, at any rate, shedding of blood.

The presence of a micro-organism seems always to accompany red rain. In volcanic regions gray hail is relatively common. In Sicily this has been observed very often, because the higher layers of the atmosphere are filled with ashes from Mount Etna. During the past century there have been black rains in England twice, and on both occasions the color was due to the presence of micro-organisms.

A curious fall of red snow is observed sometimes in the Alps in spring, but black snow is a rarity. Last spring in the mountains that surround the valley of Emmen snow of a dirty grayish black has been noticed. It formed a crust of some centimeters in thickness and extended over the white snow which had fallen on previous days. This strange occurrence has not been satisfactorily explained, but it is supposed that the volcanic ashes from Etna were carried by the winds and precipitated by the dampness of the air. — Harper's Weekly.

A Naive Economist.

The not uncommon fallacy that money is not merely the measure of value, but the only real value as well, is amusingly illustrated by this conversation between two Vermont farmers:

"Who has got the bay horse you drove last summer, Sid?"

"Nobody; he's dead."

"What? He didn't die on your hands, I hope?"

"Yes, he did, Bill, sure."

"By George, that's too bad! He was a good one."

"Yes, he was, but I didn't care so very much. He didn't cost me nothing. I paid for him in work." — Youth's Companion.

Japan's Pancake Women.

One of the familiar sights on the streets of a Japanese town is the pancake woman, who, with her little brazier of coals and her tiny frying pan, is usually found on a corner not far from a school. She has a bowl full of delicious batter, a ladle and a cake turner, and there is apt to be a hungry crowd around her little stand as soon as school is out, for not many of the children are able to resist the smell of the crisp pancakes, at least if they have any money. For a very small coin a child may fry and turn his own cakes, and happy is the one who has a number of coins in his little kimono sleeve and can fry and eat to his heart's content.

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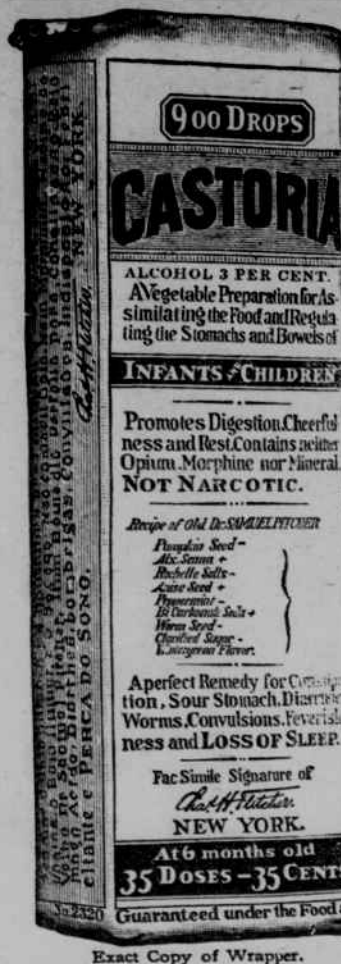
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